

AMENDMENTS TO AND LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

The following listing of Claims represents the current pending version of Claims in the Application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for influencing behavior in an animal, the method comprising systemically administering to the animal in need thereof a diet comprising at least about 1% by weight of an omega-3 fatty acid or mixture of omega-3 fatty acids as measured on a dry matter basis.

2. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 1 wherein the animal is a dog or a cat.

3. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 2 wherein the dog or cat is about 1 to 6 years of age.

4. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 2 wherein the dog or cat is at least about 7 years of age.

5. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 2 wherein the dog or cat has an observable behavior deficit prior to administration of the omega-3 fatty acid or mixtures thereof.

6. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 2 wherein the dog or cat does not have cancer or arthritis.

7. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 2 wherein the dog or cat is up to about 1 year of age.

8. (Withdrawn) A composition suitable for systemic administration to a young adult or aged pet animal, which comprises a carrier and a behavior influencing quantity of an omega-3 fatty acid or a mixture of omega-3 fatty acids.

9. (Previously Presented) The method in accordance with claim 1, wherein the composition comprises from about 1% to about 10% by weight of an omega-3 fatty acid or mixture of omega-3 fatty acids.